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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Pierre BLANCHARD, et al.

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FOR: NOVEL RHEOLOGY REGULATORS SUCH AS GROUND NATURAL CALCIUM CARBONATES
OPTIONALLY TREATED WITH A FATTY ACID OR SALT AND THEIR USE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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SIR:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Previously Submitted:

- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

Enclosed:

- ☒ Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☒ Other: Comparative Data (6 pages)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
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